

REMARKS

The specification at the paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 6 and FIG.1 have been amended to include reference numerals in response to the Objection to the drawings at page 2 of the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 8, 10-13, and 16-22 have been amended to more clearly describe Applicant's invention. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-22 are pending.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,265,083 to Ishii ("Ishii"). Claims 1 and 10 are independent.

Claims 1 and 10 relate to a portable digital image viewer including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file, and a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid.

Ishii does not describe a viewer including a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid. Ishii describes an LCD screen within an outer cover so that "[b]y opening the outer cover 15, LCD screen 14 is exposed, thereby enabling a picture plane of LCD screen 14 to be seen." Col. 5, lines 36-40 of Ishii. Nothing in Ishii indicates that an integrated display screen can be present on a viewer, particularly not an integrated display screen on an outer surface of a lid as recited in independent claims 1 and 10.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 and claims that depend therefrom are not anticipated by Ishii. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 14 and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishii. Claim 14 depends from independent claim 10. Claims 17-22 depend from independent claim 16.

Referring to claim 10, as discussed above, Ishii does not describe a viewer including a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid. Ishii does not teach or suggest that such a configuration is desirable. In particular, as described at Col. 5, lines 36-40 and shown in the Figures, the Ishii device is designed to protect an LCD screen, allowing it to be visible only by opening an outer cover. Ishii does not contemplate an integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid, as recited in claim 10, which allows the picture viewer to be significantly smaller when used to view still pictures. Nothing in Ishii teaches or suggests that an integrated display screen can be present on a viewer, particularly not an integrated display screen on an outer surface of a lid. Thus, for at least this reason, claim 10, and claim 14 which depends therefrom, is patentable over Ishii.

Claim 16 relates to a portable digital image viewer including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, an input port for a digital memory card configured to read a digital image file from a digital memory card, and an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file.

Not only does Ishii not teach or suggest an integrated display screen, Ishii does not teach or suggest an input port for a digital memory card configured to read a digital image file from a digital memory card. The Examiner contends that the "joy card" and its input device teach or suggest an input port for a digital memory card configured to read a digital image file from a digital memory card. Applicants respectfully disagree. As described in Ishii, a joy card has "two trigger buttons" and "an X-Y device". Col. 1, lines 54-56. Thus, the joy card is not a digital memory device. Rather, it is a gaming controller. As such, any input port through which a joy card is connected is not an input port for a digital memory card configured to read a digital image file from a digital memory card. There is no teaching or suggestion in Ishii to include such an input port in a picture viewer. Thus, for at least this reason, claim 16, and claims 17-22 that depend therefrom, is patentable over Ishii.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 10 and 16, and claims that depend therefrom, are patentable over Ishii. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

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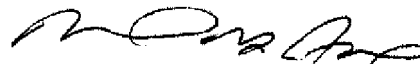
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Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

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